

New Hampshire Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission
Commission Meeting
Concord Office
April 7, 2010
10-05

Present: Timothy J. Connors, Chairman
Warren W. Leary Jr., Secretary
Michael J. Gatsas, Member
Lynn M. Presby, Member
Anthony B. Urban, Member
Paul M. Kelley, Director
Sudhir K. Naik, Deputy Director
Steve Johnston, Supervisor Gaming Operations
William Dewhurst, Senior Auditor
Linda Glaser, Auditor
Shawn Graham, Auditor
Charles Saia, Legal Coordinator
Linda Darrow, Administrative Secretary

In Attendance: Rick Newman, Marlin Torguson, Senator Dick Danais, Jan DiMarzio, Representative Mary Griffin, George Roberts, Edward Callahan, Averill Cate, Karen Keelan, Maxime Rodrigue, Francois-Patrick Allard and others.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Representatives from Lotto Quebec, Mr. Rodrigue and Mr. Allard, provided a presentation on Bingo Mundo. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Commissioner Presby, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to approve the concept of Bingo Mundo for New Hampshire thereby allowing staff to further study the feasibility of introducing Bingo Mundo to charitable gaming in the state.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Leary and unanimously voted to approve and place on file the Commission minutes dated March 10, 2010.

The Racing & Charitable Gaming statistics for the fiscal period ending March 30, 2010 were reviewed. Concern was expressed that the statistics continue to trend downward. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Leary and unanimously voted to accept and place on file.

The Games of Chance warning letters spreadsheets were reviewed. Deputy Director Naik stated that all responses had been received except one which was not due until next week. On a motion by Commissioner Leary, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to accept and place on file.

The Games of Chance State Revenue spreadsheets were reviewed. On a motion by Commissioner Leary, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to accept and place on file.

Legal Coordinator Saia provided a legislative update. Director Kelley stated Representative Walz would like to see more controls for charitable gaming and plans to meet with the Director to discuss further (relative to SB 367). Discussion ensued on SB 490 (historical racing). For the record, Mr. Newman requested a letter be sent to the senate by the Commission in support of SB 490. Director Kelley was instructed to send a position letter to all members of the House Local and Regulated Revenues Committee via email.

Mr. Dewhurst provided an overview of the Audit Staff Status Report. Discussion ensued. Appreciation for the auditors and the work accomplished was expressed. Director Kelley pointed out that the expertise and talent of the three staff auditors relative to gambling audits are the best in the state.

Action Items:

- a. *Email to legislators in support of live racing:* Copy of the letter sent to Governor Lynch, Senate President Larsen and Speaker of the House Norelli was provided.
- b. *Email to legislators on position of the Commission on slot machine revenue:* Copy of letter sent to all state senators was provided. Copy of response letter from President Larsen was also provided. Commissioner Gatsas expressed concern that a 1% purse will not help in the recovery of horse racing in New Hampshire.
- c. *Presentation by Supervisor Johnston on gaming operations:* Written report was provided. Mr. Johnston was thanked for his report and a job well done.
- d. *Mr. Callahan to research Acumark Printing and report back:* Mr. Callahan provided copy of the Pennsylvania Superior Court Ruling on the defamation claim filed and won by Acumark in 2008. Mr. Callahan also provided copies of programs printed by Acumark and by Daily Racing Form, LLC, the other program provider used by Rockingham Park.

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Leary and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to adjourn the regular meeting, and go into non-public session as allowed for in RSA 91-A:3 II (c), to discuss financial matters.

Connors	-	Yes
Leary	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

At 12:30 p.m., on a motion by Commissioner Leary, seconded by Commissioner Urban and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to come out of the non-public session and to permanently seal the non-public minutes.

Connors	-	Yes
Leary	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2010 in Concord beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Warren W. Leary, Jr.
Secretary